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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Office Communication dated September 9, 2004, for which a response was due on October 9, 2004. Submitted herewith is a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time, thereby extending the time to file a response until December 9, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested. Enclosed is the following exhibit:

Exhibit A: U.S. Patent No. 5,367,060.

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**CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully submitted that the above rejection is overcome by the amendments of claims 30, 34, 37, 44-47 and 57. Applicant also respectfully submits that the presently pending claims 30, 31, 34 and 37-58 are in form of allowance. Early allowance of the pending claims are earnestly requested

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 524012000200. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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